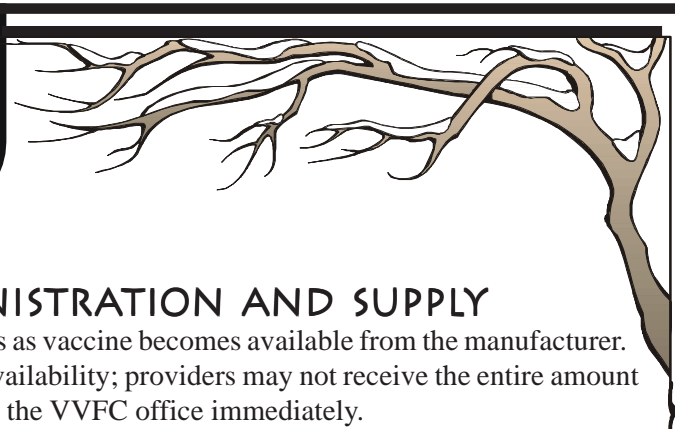


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INFLUENZA VACCINE: ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPLY

VVFC will be shipping Influenza vaccine in partial shipments as vaccine becomes available from the manufacturer. Orders will be limited based on patient enrollment and vaccine availability; providers may not receive the entire amount requested. If you would like to reduce your order, please contact the VVFC office immediately.

FluMist orders were limited based on enrollment; providers may not receive their entire request. Some FluMist orders could not be approved because providers received their allotment in injectable vaccine. FluMist is shipped separately.

VVFC cannot guarantee that providers who submitted orders after the deadline (April 5th) will receive their requested orders. Orders submitted after the deadline were placed on a waiting list. Remaining supply, not spoken for by advanced orders, will be divided amongst providers on the waiting list based on requested amount, supply, and patient enrollment. You may continue to place Influenza vaccine orders until VVFC stock has been depleted.



It is VVFC policy to administer preservative-free Influenza vaccine to eligible children 6 months to 35 months of age and preservative-containing Influenza vaccine to eligible children 36 months to 18 years of age. If your facility's stock of preservative-free Influenza vaccine has been exhausted, and VVFC stock is not sufficient to fill additional preservative-free Influenza vaccine orders, you may administer preservative-containing Influenza vaccine to eligible children 6 months to 35 months of age.

THANKSGIVING SHIPPING

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, **we will not be shipping vaccine on November 21st.** Any order received between 4 PM November 10th and 4 PM November 23rd will not be shipped until November 28th. Orders received after 4 PM, November 23rd, will be shipped on December 5th. The winter shipping schedule will be in the December Backpage.



VVFC AWARDS

Outstanding VVFC Compliance

*Children's Clinic, Rocky Mount
Commonwealth Pediatrics, PC, Colonial Heights*

Hanover Family Physicians, Mechanicsville

K.N.V. Sankaran, M.D., Inc., Suffolk

Natural Bridge Juvenile Correction Facility, Natural Bridge

Exceptional Immunization Rates

Carilion Pediatric Medicine, Roanoke

Children & Adolescent Clinic, Hopewell

Harrisonburg Pediatrics, P.C., Harrisonburg

Highlands Pediatrics, Abingdon

Richmond Pediatric Assoc., Inc., Mechanicsville

Southern Albemarle Family Practice, Esmont

Southside Pediatric Center,

Colonial Heights

Tidewater Pediatrics, P.C., Portsmouth

(Immunization rates exceed 90% using CASA software)



VACCINE TIDBITS

AN UPDATE ON THE NEW VACCINES

Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV4)

The revised meningococcal VIS with a publication date of 10/7/2005 is also included in this mailing. MCV4 is in short supply nationwide and we are limiting orders to 30 doses for non-health department facilities. All facilities must abide by the priority groups for vaccination until the shortage is resolved. Please refer to the April/May 2004 BackPage for a list of these groups.

Tdap

The new Tdap VIS is available with a publication date of 9/22/2005, and is included in this mailing. Tdap orders are not being limited at this time. Limits will only return if there is a nationwide shortage.

Who is eligible for Tdap?

Tdap is preferred over Td as adolescents are susceptible to pertussis due to waning immunity. A Tdap or Td booster is recommended at any age from 11-18 years if they have completed the recommended childhood DTP/DTaP vaccination series and have not received a Td dose. In some special situations, Td, rather than Tdap may be indicated (please see ACIP recommendations).

